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The Honorable Dan Morales NOV 15 93
Attorney General
The State of Texas
Post Office Box 12548, Capitol Station
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Dear Dan:

Pursuant to Texas Government Code, I am requesting an Attorney General Opinion on the question of a non-profit organization having the ability to dispense eyeglasses to persons who are financially unable to pay for the eyeglasses and there is no monetary profit derived by the non-profit organization.

There is a non-profit organization in Midland - the Midland Downtown Lions Club - which in sponsorship with Lions International is going to undertake a program of recycling used eyeglasses to inspect, clean, conduct minor repairs (where necessary - other than actual grinding of any lens), and then distribute eyeglasses to persons who have need and who would not otherwise be financially capable of paying for eyeglasses. This program is specifically targeted to school age children to better allow these young people to prepare themselves for life, through increasing their ability to pursue the educational opportunities which they are presented and to assist them in fulfilling their potential as students and active community participants.

During the course of this distribution, it is anticipated that persons will be examined by "lay" personnel who will not otherwise be licensed by any agency of the Texas Optometry Board.

Your prompt response to this request will be greatly appreciated. If I might be of assistance to you or your staff, please contact me at your earliest convenience.

Respectfully submitted,

Tom Craddick
Chairman
House Committee on Ways & Means